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Significant Events - National

US Woman Jailed for Plotting to Aid Islamic State

(BBC News) A young Colorado woman has been sentenced to four years in jail after she pleaded guilty to trying to help the militant group Islamic State (IS). Shannon Conley, a 19-year-old Muslim convert, was arrested in April while trying to board a flight to Turkey en route to Syria to marry an IS fighter. Prosecutors offered a reduced term if she helped share information about other Americans looking to join IS. Conley, who now calls herself Halima, said she deeply regrets her actions. Handing down the verdict at a court in Denver, Judge Raymond Moore said the sentence was meant to deter others who wanted to join Islamic militants.

Supreme Court to Review Oklahoma Execution Procedure

(Reuters) The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to review Oklahoma's controversial method of execution by lethal injection, taking up a case brought by three death row inmates who accuse the state of violating the U.S. Constitution's ban on cruel and unusual punishment. The high court just last week allowed the execution of a convicted killer in Oklahoma over the objection of its four liberal members. The three-drug process used by Oklahoma prison officials has been under scrutiny since the April 2014 botched execution of convicted murderer Clayton Lockett. The inmates challenging the state's procedures argue the sedative used by Oklahoma, midazolam, cannot achieve the level of unconsciousness required for surgery, making it unsuitable for executions. The case will be argued in April, with a decision due by the end of June.

US-Cuba Talks: Top US Official Meets Cuban Dissidents

(BBC News) The highest US official to visit Cuba in more than 30 years has met leading Cuban dissidents in Havana. Roberta Jacobson, the state department's top Latin American official, held the meeting after two days of historic US-Cuba talks. One dissident called the meeting "a very human coming-together", but not all who were invited attended. Many Cuban opposition leaders fear the US will turn a blind eye to allegations of human rights abuses in Cuba. On Thursday, officials from the US and Cuba said the talks about establishing diplomatic relations had ended "positively". The US did not provide an official list of those who met Ms. Jacobson at the mansion of the head of the US Interests Section in Havana. But the Washington Post reported that seven dissidents, many of whom have spent time in Cuban prison, attended.



Significant Events - International

Police: 10 Killed in Mariupol Shelling in Ukraine

(AP) A crowded open-air market in Ukraine's strategically important coastal city of Mariupol came under rocket fire Saturday morning, killing at least 10 people, regional police said. Mariupol lies on the Azov Sea and is the major city between mainland Russia and the Russia-annexed Crimean Peninsula. Heavy fighting in the region in the autumn raised fears that Russian-backed separatist forces would try to establish a land link between Russia and Crimea. The Interior Ministry said rockets struck homes, setting them alight, as well as the market and shops. A Ukrainian military checkpoint on a road leading out of the city toward rebel-held areas was also hit, police said. Rocket strikes on Mariupol come as separatists have declared their intention to mount a multi-pronged offensive aimed at vastly increasing the territory under their control. That would definitively upend recent European attempts to mediate an end to the fighting.

Bad Weather Halts Attempt to Float Airasia Flight QZ8501 Fuselage

(CNN) Bad weather has forced Indonesian divers to call off an operation to raise the main fuselage of AirAsia QZ8501, but they will try again on Sunday, a search team leader told CNN. Four more bodies have been recovered, said Marshall Supriyadi, director of operations and training for Indonesia's search and rescue agency. That brings the total number of victims now found to 69. Indonesian divers tried Saturday to float the wreckage using balloons, said Supriyadi. They made several descents to the fuselage but the operation hit a snag when a belt attaching a lifting bag, or balloon, to the fuselage broke. Divers successfully carried out the same procedure with the tail section of the aircraft earlier this month.

Japan Vows Not to Give up on 2 Hostages till 'the Very End'

(AP) Japan promised Saturday not to give up "until the very end" on efforts to rescue two Japanese hostages threatened with beheading by Islamic militants demanding a \$200 million ransom, after a deadline passed with no word from the captors. Militants affiliated with the Islamic State group posted an online warning Friday afternoon that the "countdown has begun" for the extremists to kill 47-year-old Kenji Goto and 42-year-old Haruna Yukawa. The extremists gave Prime Minister Shinzo Abe 72 hours to pay the ransom, and the deadline expired Friday. Abe met Friday with his National Security Council on the crisis. Japanese officials have not directly said whether they are considering paying any ransom. Japan has joined other major industrial nations in the Group of Seven in opposing ransom payments. U.S. and British officials said they advised against paying.



Weather of Concern

- High Wind Warning in effect until 2200 hours this evening for areas in Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, and Ventura Counties.
- High Wind Warning in effect until 1000 hours Sunday for areas in Riverside and San Diego Counties.

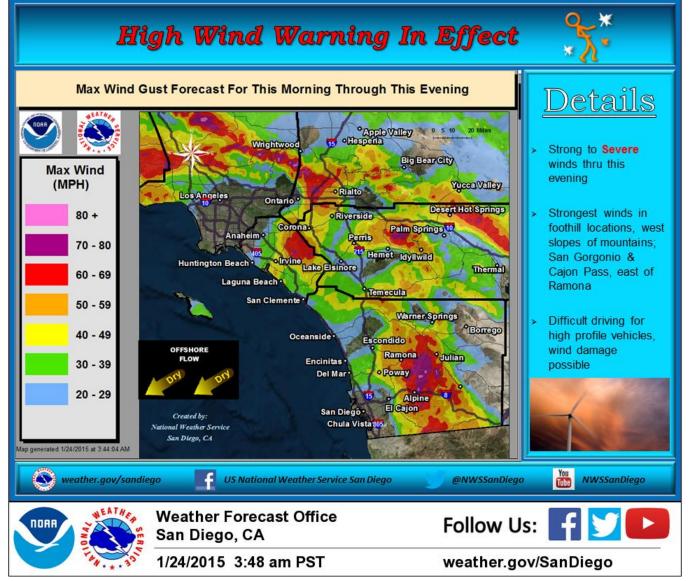
Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa_bc_cal.php

- Santa Ana winds will peak today and Sunday morning, then decrease Sunday afternoon.
- Peak wind gusts 50-80 mph in wind prone areas (mountain passes) with widespread gusts 25 to 40 mph, except at the coast.
- Light rain developing Monday into Tuesday 0.10 to 0.30 inches.

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

• SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought







WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

High pressure will dominate the weather pattern through early next week resulting in dry conditions and unseasonably warm temperatures. Near record temperatures will be possible this weekend. An approaching trough will help break down the ridge next week.

Medford Weather:

A strong high pressure ridge will move into the area today and Sunday. This pattern will bring continued dry conditions to the area as well as significantly warmer temperatures. Also despite the warming temperatures, a strong inversion is forecast to persist across the area with limited winds and vertical mixing in the valleys. This will bring continued stagnant air for inland valleys. A strong east-west pressure gradient centered over the Cascades will develop on Sunday and possibly linger into Monday. This may bring breezy east to southeast winds over the ridges in the Siskiyous and Cascades. The ridge will persist into Monday before shifting east and weakening in response to an approaching front.

Reno Weather:

High pressure over the Pacific will expand into the West Coast this weekend, bringing mild afternoon temperatures. Slightly cooler temperatures are expected next week with light showers possible Tuesday into Wednesday. However, no significant precipitation is expected through the end of the month.

San Francisco Weather:

Building high pressure over the region will result in dry weather and potentially record breaking daytime temperatures through Sunday. Conditions cool slightly early next week as the ridge shifts further inland. Light precipitation is possible Monday night through Wednesday as a weak system approaches from the south.

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Sacramento Weather:

Dry weather is forecast with areas of night and morning valley low clouds and fog through Monday. Temperatures are expected to remain well above normal through early next week in fog free areas. Light precipitation is possible on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

Hanford Weather:

Building high pressure will provide clearing skies and warmer temperatures today through Sunday. An offshore flow will bring breezy conditions through the mountain passes over the weekend. A weak area of low pressure may bring a few showers for Monday night through Tuesday night.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

High pressure and offshore flow will bring mostly clear skies to the region through the weekend with well above normal daytime temperatures. It will be very windy in some areas, especially during the morning and early afternoon hours. Low pressure moving toward the region from the south will bring increasing clouds and cooler weather Monday with a chance of rain late Monday through late Tuesday. Another system could bring more rain to the region Thursday into Friday.

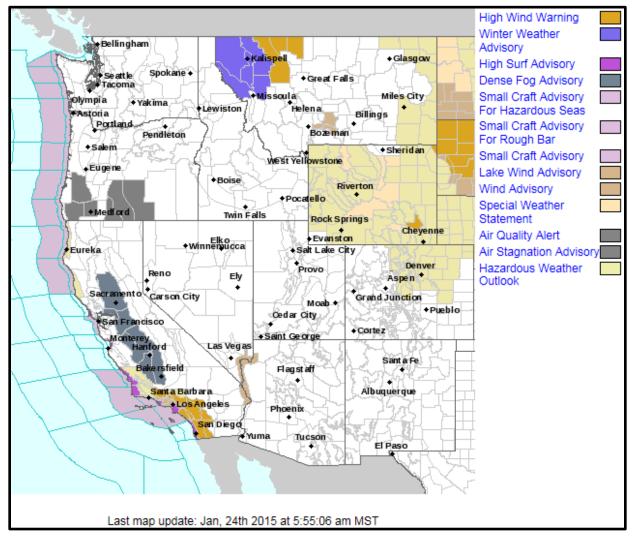
Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

High pressure aloft over California will bring warm weather through the weekend. Surface high pressure over the Great Basin will bring periods of strong gusty northeast winds into this evening, and then becoming less widespread and decreasing into Sunday. For Monday and Tuesday, a weak low pressure system from the southwest will bring a chance of showers. A second weak low pressure system from the southwest could bring another chance of showers for late Thursday into Friday.

Southeast California Weather:

Strong high pressure will build across the Western States this weekend resulting in sunny skies along with a warming trend. A low pressure system will affect the area Monday, bringing an increase in moisture and light precipitation. In the wake of the low pressure system, above normal temperatures and high than normal humidities will prevail through the week.

STATE WEATHER MAP



FIRE ACTIVITY

Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php

NWS California River Forecast Center:

http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/



RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Magnitude 6.0 Earthquake, American Canyon, Napa County

- Cal OES and FEMA announced that the Major Disaster declaration for the South Napa earthquake will also include the Individuals
 and Households Program under the Stafford Act. This amendment makes assistance available to help homeowners and renters
 recover from the earthquake.
- As a result of President Obama's major disaster declaration, the U.S. Small Business Administration declared Napa and Solano
 counties, making residents and business owners eligible to apply for low-interested physical loss disaster loans. This declaration also
 made available low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) for businesses to apply in the primary counties of Napa and
 Solano, as well as the contiguous counties of Contra Costa, Lake, Sacramento, Sonoma, and Yolo.

Recovery Activities

Public Assistance

- RPA: 63 RPAs were received and 14 have withdrawn for a total of 49 FEMA approved open applications.
- Kickoff Meeting: 56 Kickoff Meetings have been completed leaving 1 remaining to be scheduled once through FEMA's review queue. It is currently anticipated all kickoff meetings will be complete by 1/31/2015.
- PW: 215 PWs are anticipated to be written as a result of the Napa Earthquake. Currently, 75 PWs are in draft, 72 PWs are entered into the federal database system, 58 of which have been obligated.
- Exit Briefing: 14 applicants have had Exit briefings conducted.

Individual Assistance

- The FEMA and State VAL continue to work with nonprofit organizations in Napa County regarding Long Term Recovery efforts.
 The Napa Earthquake Recovery Group, aka, eNERGy will be holding a general meeting.
- Cal OES IA Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) continues NGO coordination in Solano County. The Vallejo Earthquake Recovery Group (VERG), a long term recovery group, has formed and has established by-laws and elected an Executive Board. United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) will provide case management training to local organizations in Napa and Solano counties.
- The registration deadline for individuals and businesses to request FEMA and SBA assistance closed on Monday, 12/29/14.
- Assistance Centers The Local Assistance Center (LAC) in Napa transitioned to an SBA DLOC on Tuesday 12/30/14. The smaller operation maintains a presence by SBA staff. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

2014 Statewide December Winter Storms

• On 12/22/14, Governor Brown proclaimed a State of Emergency in Marin, Mendocino, San Mateo, and Ventura Counties to allow Caltrans to formally request immediate assistance through FHWA's ER Program in order to obtain federal assistance for highway repairs or reconstruction for damages sustained as a result of the statewide storms impacting California. After assessing the damages, Caltrans is requesting the Governor update his proclamation to include Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Los Angeles, Monterey, Orange, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Shasta, Sonoma, Tehama, and Yolo Counties. Cal OES' Recovery Section conducted an assessment to verify the Counties of Lake, Marin, San Mateo, Sonoma, and Tehama's Public Assistance estimates for debris removal, emergency work, and permanent restoration of public facilities in order to determine potential eligibility for State funding.

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a biweekly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.

CAL OES Missions

Ongoing Cal OES Missions

• 2015-LAW-8383, 1/21/2015, 1615 hours, Sonoma County Sheriff's Department requesting two HRD K9 to assist in searching for a MP that has been missing since 12/7/2014. The search is scheduled for Saturday, 1/24/2015 with a 0800 hour briefing. ICP will be Rancho Adobe Fire Department in Penngrove, California. Cal OES LEB coordinating the response. Mission Ongoing.

Closed Cal OES Missions

2015-LAW-8404, 1/23/2015, 1215 hours, AFRCC reports an ELT sounding in the vicinity of Yuba County Airport in Marysville. CSWC briefed Yuba County WP. CAP IC identified. Cal OES LDO is coordinating the response. Update: 1/24/2015, 0147 hours, AFRCC advised ELT was located and silenced, non-distress, at Yuba County Airport. CSWC briefed Yuba County WP. Mission Closed.



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.